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2009 FAIRFAX COUNTY YOUTH SURVEY

Healthy Behaviors Survey of 8th, 10th, and 12th Grade Students

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this study. These questions ask your opinion about a number of things concerning you, your friends, your family, your neighborhood, and your community.

All of your answers will be kept strictly confidential. This means your answers are secret. This survey is completely voluntary. You can skip any questions that you do not want to answer.

Be sure to read the instructions below before you begin.

Thank you very much.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. This is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers.
- 2. All of the questions should be answered by marking one of the answer spaces. If you do not find an answer that fits exactly, use the one that comes closest. If any question does not apply to you, or you are not sure what it means, just leave it blank.
- 3. Your answers will be read automatically by a scanner and computer. Please follow these instructions carefully.
- 4. For questions that have the following answers: NO!! no yes YES!!

Mark the big YES!! if you think the statement is DEFINITELY TRUE for you.

Mark the little **yes** if you think the statement is MOSTLY TRUE for you.

Mark the little **no** if you think the statement is MOSTLY NOT TRUE for you.

Mark the big NO!! if you think the statement is DEFINITELY NOT TRUE for you.

<u>Example</u>: Chocolate is the best ice cream flavor.

○ NO!! ○ no ○ yes ● YES!!

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Use a No. 2 pencil or a blue or black pen only.
- b. Do not use pens with ink that soaks through the paper.
- c. Make solid marks that fill the response completely.
- d. Make no stray marks on this form.

This kind of mark will work:

Correct Mark

These kinds of marks will NOT work:

Incorrect Marks









These questions ask for some general information about the people completing the survey.

Please mark the response that best describes you.

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1. How old are you?

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11 016 012 017 013 018 014 019 or older
2. What grade are you in? O 8th O 10th O 12th
3. Are you: O Female Male
4. What do you consider yourself to be? Select ONE only. O Hispanic or Latino O Not Hispanic nor Latino
 5. What do you consider yourself to be? Select ONE OR MORE. American Indian or Alaskan native Asian Black or African-American Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White
6. Think of where you live most of the time. Which of the following people live there with you? Choose ALL that apply. Mother Father Sister(s) Stepmother Stepfather Stepfather Grandmother(s) Grandfather(s) Foster parent
7. What language do you use most often at home?EnglishSpanishAnother Language

The next section asks about your experiences at school.

8.	Putting them all together, what were your grades like last year? Mostly Fs Mostly Ds Mostly Cs Mostly Bs Mostly As
9.	I think sometimes it is okay to cheat at school. NO!! no yes YES!!
10.	How often do you come to classes <u>without</u> your homework finished? Usually Sometimes Never
Ho	w much do you agree or disagree with the
	lowing?
11.	I know how to use a computer to do things like schoolwork, finding information, or typing papers. Strongly Agree Agree Not Sure Disagree Strongly Disagree
12.	I can do well in school if I want to.
	Strongly AgreeAgreeNot SureDisagreeStrongly Disagree
	e next section asks about how you spend ur time after school.
_	an average school day, how many hours you:
13.	watch TV? Not at all Less than 1 hour per day 1 hour per day 2 hours per day per day per day per day

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How much do you agree or disagree with the following?	31smoke cigarettes? Very wrong Wrong
26. I am able to save my money for something I really want. Ostrongly Agree	A little bit wrong Not wrong at all
AgreeNot SureDisagreeStrongly Disagree	32smoke marijuana? Very wrong Wrong A little bit wrong Not wrong at all
 27. When things don't go well for me, I am good at finding a way to make things better. Strongly Agree Agree Not Sure Disagree Strongly Disagree 	33. How many times have you changed homes since kindergarten? None 1-2 times 3-4 times
28. I feel as if I can solve most problems in my life. Strongly Agree Agree Not Sure Disagree Strongly Disagree How much do you do the following when you have a problem of any kind?	34. During the past 30 days, how often did you go hungry because there was not enough food in your home? Never Rarely Sometimes Most of the time Always
29. I try to find different solutions to the problem.	35. People in my family often insult or yell at each
A lot Sometimes A little	other. ○ NO!! ○ no ○ yes ○ YES!!
○ Never	36. We argue about the same things in my family over and over.
The next section asks about your family. When	○ NO!! ○ no ○ yes ○ YES!!
answering these questions, please think about the people you consider to be your family; for example, parents, stepparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.	37. People in my family have serious arguments. ○ NO!! ○ no ○ yes ○ YES!!
How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to:	38. My parent has had his/her body hurt from actions (such as punching, kicking, choking, shoving, and pulling of hair) by a spouse/partner.
 30drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly (at least once or twice a month)? Very wrong Wrong A little bit wrong Not wrong at all 	○ NO!! ○ no ○ yes ○ YES!!

The next section asks about things you might have done, or that might have happened to you. Some of the questions are about bullying. Bullying is when 1 or more students tease, threaten, spread rumors about, hit, shove, or hurt another student over and over again. It is not bullying when 2 students of about the same strength or power argue or fight or tease each other in a friendly way.	44attacked someone with the idea of seriously hurting them? Never 10 to 19 times 20 to 29 times 30 to 39 times 6 to 9 times 40 or more times Never 10 to 19 times 20 to 29 times
Remember, your answers are confidential.	3 to 5 times 30 to 39 times 40 or more times
How many times in the past year have <u>you</u> :	
39carried a weapon other than a handgun (such as a knife or club)? Never 10 to 19 times 20 to 29 times 3 to 5 times 30 to 39 times 40 or more times	46taken a handgun to school? Never 10 to 19 times 20 to 29 times 30 to 5 times 6 to 9 times 40 or more times
	How many times in the past year has anyone
40taken a weapon other than a handgun (such as a knife or club) to school? Never 10 to 19 times 20 to 29 times 30 to 39 times 6 to 9 times 40 or more times 41bullied, taunted, ridiculed, or teased someone? Never 10 to 19 times 10 to 19 times 10 to 2 times 20 to 29 times 30 to 39 times 40 or more times	done any of the following TO YOU: 47attacked you with the idea of seriously hurting you? Never 10 to 19 times 20 to 29 times 30 to 39 times 6 to 9 times 40 or more times 48threatened or injured you with a weapon (such as a gun, knife, or club)? Never 10 to 19 times 1 to 2 times 20 to 29 times 30 to 39 times
42said something bad about someone's race or culture? Never 10 to 19 times 20 to 29 times 3 to 5 times 6 to 9 times 40 or more times	 6 to 9 times 40 or more times 49bullied, taunted, ridiculed, or teased you? Never 10 to 19 times 20 to 29 times 3 to 5 times 6 to 9 times 40 or more times
43been suspended from school? Never 10 to 19 times 20 to 29 times 3 to 5 times 30 to 39 times 6 to 9 times 40 or more times	50said something bad about your race or culture? Never 10 to 19 times 20 to 29 times 30 to 5 times 30 to 39 times 40 or more times

51sexually harassed you? Never 10 to 19 times 20 to 29 times 3 to 5 times 6 to 9 times 40 or more times	The next section asks about electronic bullying, also known as cyberbullying. Electronic bullying is bullying through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, Web sites, or text messaging.
52. How many times in the past year has a <u>parent</u> or adult in your household bullied, taunted, ridiculed, or teased you? Never 10 to 19 times 10 to 2 times 20 to 29 times 30 to 39 times 6 to 9 times 40 or more times	 60. During the past 12 months, have <u>you ever been</u> electronically bullied, such as through e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, Web sites, or text messaging? O Yes No No No 1. How many times in the past year have <u>you been</u> cyberbullied by a student who <u>attends your school</u>?
53. Have you ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to?YesNo	○ Never ○ 10 to 19 times ○ 1 to 2 times ○ 20 to 29 times ○ 3 to 5 times ○ 30 to 39 times ○ 6 to 9 times ○ 40 or more times
54. How many times have you driven a car or other vehicle when you had been drinking alcohol? Never I've done it, but not in the past year Less than once a month About once a month Two or three times a month Once a week or more	62. How many times in the past year have <u>you</u> cyberbullied a student <u>attending your school?</u> Never 10 to 19 times 20 to 29 times 30 to 39 times 6 to 9 times 40 or more times
55. Have you ever belonged to a gang? O Yes No	The next section asks about your feelings during the past 12 months. Remember, your answers are confidential.
56. Have you ever had a partner in a dating or	, ,
serious relationship who always wanted to know your whereabouts? O Yes No	During the past 12 months, did you ever: 63feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities?
serious relationship who always wanted to know your whereabouts?	63feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for
serious relationship who always wanted to know your whereabouts? Yes No No The property of	 63feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing some usual activities? Yes No 64seriously consider attempting suicide?

The next section asks about your thoughts about
and experiences with tobacco, alcohol, and
other drugs.

How much o	lo you think	people risk h	arming
themselves (physically or	in other wa	ys) if they:

- 66. ...smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?
 - O No risk
 - O Slight risk
 - Moderate risk
 - Great risk
- 67. ...smoke marijuana regularly?
 - O No risk
 - Slight risk
 - Moderate risk
 - O Great risk
- 68. ...take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day?
 - O No risk
 - OSlight risk
 - O Moderate risk
 - O Great risk
- 69. How frequently have you used smokeless tobacco during the past 30 days?
 - Never
 - Once or twice
 - Once in a while but not regularly
 - About once a day
 - More than once a day
- 70. Have you ever smoked cigarettes in your lifetime?
 - Never
 - Once or twice
 - Once in a while but not regularly
 - O Regularly in the past
 - O Regularly now
- 71. How often have you smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days?
 - O Not at all
 - O Less than one cigarette per day
 - One to five cigarettes per day
 - About one-half pack per day
 - About one pack per day
 - About one and one-half packs per day
 - Two or more packs per day

On how many occasions (if any) have you:

- 72. ...had beer, wine, or hard liquor in your lifetime (more than just a few sips)?
 - 0 occasions
- 10–19 occasions
- 1–2 occasions
- 20–39 occasions
- 3–5 occasions
- 0 40 or more occasions
- 0 6–9 occasions
- 73. ... had beer, wine, or hard liquor during the past 30 days
 - 0 occasions
- 10–19 occasions
- 1–2 occasions
- 20–39 occasions
- 3–5 occasions
- 0 40 or more occasions
- 0 6–9 occasions
- 74. Think back over the last two weeks. How many times have you had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row?
 - None
- \bigcirc 3–5 times
- Once
- \bigcirc 6–9 times
- Twice
- 10 or more times

On how many occasions (if any) have you:

- 75. ...used marijuana in your lifetime?
 - 0 occasions
- 10–19 occasions
- 1–2 occasions
- 20–39 occasions
- 3–5 occasions
- 0 40 or more occasions
- 6–9 occasions
- 76. ...used marijuana during the past 30 days?
 - 0 occasions
- 10–19 occasions
- 1–2 occasions
- 20–39 occasions
- 3–5 occasions
- 40 or more occasions
- 0 6–9 occasions
- 77. ...used LSD or other hallucinogens (acid, angel dust, special k, shrooms) in your lifetime?
 - 0 occasions
- 10–19 occasions
- 1–2 occasions
- 20–39 occasions
- 3–5 occasions

- 40 or more occasions
- 0 6–9 occasions
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80used cocaine or crack in the <u>past 30 days</u> ? 0 occasions 1-2 occasions 20-39 occasions 3-5 occasions 40 or more occasions 6-9 occasions	87taken steroids without a doctor's order in your <u>lifetime</u> ? O occasions O 10–19 occasions O 1–2 occasions O 3–5 occasions O 40 or more occasions O 6–9 occasions
81sniffed glue, breathed (huffed) the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays in order to get high in your <u>lifetime?</u> 0 occasions 1-2 occasions 20-39 occasions 3-5 occasions 40 or more occasions 6-9 occasions	88taken steroids without a doctor's order in the past 30 days? O occasions 1-2 occasions 3-5 occasions 6-9 occasions 40 or more occasions
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83used bentrometin (BTM) in your <u>lifetime</u> ? 0 occasions 1-2 occasions 20-39 occasions 3-5 occasions 40 or more occasions 6-9 occasions	 0 occasions 1-2 occasions 3-5 occasions 6-9 occasions 1-2 occasions 40 or more occasions 1-2 occasions<!--</td-->
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85used methamphetamine (speed, crystal, crank, or ice) in your <u>lifetime?</u> 0 occasions 1–2 occasions 20–39 occasions 3–5 occasions 40 or more occasions 6–9 occasions	92taken painkillers (such as Oxycontin, Vicodin, Percoset, Codeine, and Opium) without a doctor's order in the past 30 days? O occasions O 10–19 occasions O 1–2 occasions O 3–5 occasions O 40 or more occasions O 6–9 occasions

101. ...began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly,

10 or younger

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17 or older

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93. ...taken a prescription drug other than

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107. Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the last time? O I have never had sexual intercourse O Yes O No	114eat less food, fewer calories, or foods low in fat to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight? ○ Yes ○ No
108. The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom? O I have never had sexual intercourse O Yes O No	115go without eating for 24 hours or more (also called fasting) to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight? Yes No
109. The last time you had sexual intercourse, what one method did you or your partner use to prevent pregnancy? Select only ONE response. O I have never had sexual intercourse	 116take any diet pills, powders, or liquids without a doctor's advice to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight? Do not include meal replacement products (such as Slim Fast). Yes No
 No method was used to prevent pregnancy Birth control pills Condoms Depo-Provera (injectable birth control) Withdrawal Some other method 	117vomit or take laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight? O Yes No
Not sure 110. Have you ever had oral sex? Yes No	The next section asks about food you ate or drank during the past 7 days. Think about all the meals and snacks you had from the time you got up until you went to bed. Be sure to include food
111. Which of the following best describes you?	you ate at home, at school, at restaurants, or anywhere else.
111. Which of the following best describes you? O Heterosexual (straight) O Gay or lesbian	you ate at home, at school, at restaurants, or
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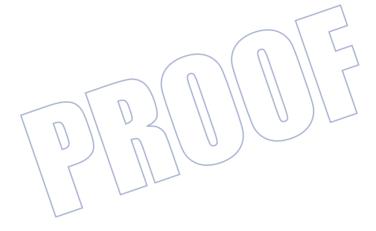
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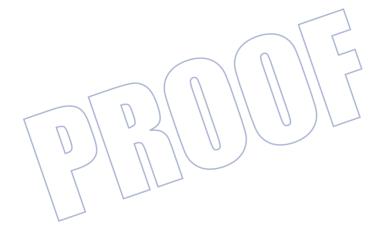
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132. I believe that my actions can improve the quality of the environment. Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree	138. During the last 12 months, have you used your political voice (signed a petition, contacted a government official for a reason other than a school assignment, wrote to a publication to express your opinion, refused to use or buy a product made by a company that has a policy you disagree with, etc.) as a result of reading	
The next section asks about your experiences related to civic engagement.	about politics, political campaigns, and/or issues affecting the public from newspapers, magazines, or the Internet in your free time?	
133. During an average week, how many hours do you spend helping friends or neighbors, or helping other people without getting paid (such as helping out at a hospital, daycare center, food shelf, youth program, community service agency, or doing other things) to make your city a better place for people to live? O hours 1 hour 2 hours 3–5 hours 6–10 hours	 Yes	
During the last 12 months, how many times have you:	Think about the people who know you well. How do you think they would rate you on each of these?	
134been a leader in a group or organization? Never Once Twice 135helped make sure that all people are treated fairly?	People who know me would say this: 140. Being good at planning ahead is Not at all like me A little like me Somewhat like me Quite like me	
NeverOnceTwice3-4 times5 or more times	○ Very much like me 141. Giving up when things get hard for me is	
136stood up for what you believed, even when it was unpopular to do so? Once Twice	Not at all like me A little like me Somewhat like me Quite like me Very much like me	
137. In the past 30 days, how often have you read about issues affecting the public, politics, and/or political campaigns from newspapers, magazines, or the Internet in your free time? O Frequently O Sometimes Never	142. Knowing how to say "no" when someone wants me to do things I know are wrong or dangerous is Not at all like me A little like me Somewhat like me Quite like me Very much like me	
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 143. Thinking through the possible good and bad results of different choices before I make decisions is Not at all like me A little like me Somewhat like me Quite like me Very much like me 	148. It is 8:00 on a weeknight and you are about to go to a friend's house when your mother asks you where you are going. You say, "Oh, just going to go hang out with some friends." She says, "No, you'll just get into trouble if you go out. Stay home tonight." What would you do now? O Leave the house anyway Explain what you are going to do with your friends, tell your parent when you will get home and ask
The next section asks about cyberbullying.	if you can go out. Not say anything and start watching TV
144. I know of someone who has been really hurt by cyberbullying. Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree 145. I would report cyberbullying incidents if I could do so without anyone knowing it was me. Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree 146. I have the right to say anything I want online, even if what I say hurts someone or violates someone's privacy. Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree Strongly Disagree	Oget into an argument with your parent 149. You are visiting another part of town and you do not know any of the people your age there. You are walking down the street, and some teenager you do not know is walking toward you. He is about your size, and as he is about to pass you he deliberately bumps into you and you almost lose your balance. What would you say or do? Push the person back Say "Excuse me" and keep walking Say "Watch where you are going" and keep walking Swear at the person and walk away 150. You are at a party at someone's house, and one of your friends offers you a drink containing alcohol. What would you say or do? Drink it Tell your friend, "No thanks, I don't drink," and suggest that you and your friend go and do something else Just say "No thanks," and walk away Make up a good excuse, tell your friend you have something else to do and leave
The next section asks how you might react to certain situations.	Ç
Choose the answer that comes closest to what you might do.	151. How honest were you in filling out this survey? O I was very honest O I was honest pretty much of the time
147. You are looking at the CDs in the music store with a friend. You look up and see her slip a CD under her coat. She smiles and says "Which one do you want? Go ahead, take it while nobody's around." There is no one in	○ I was honest some of the time○ I was honest once in a while○ I was not honest at all
sight, no employees or other customers. What would you do now? Ignore her Grab a CD and leave the store Tell her to put the CD back Act like it is a joke, and ask her to put the	This is the end of the survey. Thank you for participating.
CD back	





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